THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Most of the recommendations of the Pillai Committee were accepted by Government and follow-up action initiated in 1966.

Working of the Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited

1798. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a review of the working of the Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (MDNL) was made recently;

(b) whether the Minister of State for Defence Production, during his recent visit to the Nigam at Hyderabad, had found its performance not upto the expectations; and

(c) if so, what remedial measures are proposed to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The performance of the Company is reviewed on a regular basis.

(b) It was observed that there was a scope for improvement in certain areas.

(c) Government is closely monitoring the Company's performance and remedial steps are initiated as and when necessary.

Repatriation of Indians afflicted with AIDs

1799. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether any Indian nationals have been repatriated from abroad on the suspicion of being afflicted with AIDs;

(b) whether any visa restrictions have been imposed on Indian nationals on account thereof; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The Government of India is not aware of any Indian national having been repatriated from abroad on suspicion of being afflicted with AIDS.

(b) The Government is also not aware of visas restrictions imposed on Indian nationals on suspicion of being afflicted with AIDS.

(c) Does not arise.

Norwegian Film on Technological Progress of India

1800. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Crown Prince Herald of Norway, after his recent visit to India, has left behind in India TV team to visit various industrial projects and make a half-an-hour film on India's technological progress to be shown in Oslo;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have given permission therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(b) The four-member Norwegian TV team which accompanied H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Norway made a film on India's technological progress and touristic attractions. According to the information received by our Mission in Oslo the film is scheduled to be telecast on April 18 in Norway.